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1940 CANNED OYSTER PACK SHOWS INCREASE

Totals of 651,219 standard 48-can cases of oysters, valued at \$2,568,353, were packed in 1940 by operators of 48 plants in ten States, according to a preliminary statement released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This includes 2,243 cases of smoked oysters, valued at \$20,454, which were produced in Washington and Oregon.

The total figures compare with 1939 packs of 609,092 cases, valued at \$2,415,411; and 708,950 cases, valued at \$2,932,681, canned in 1937, the record year of production.

The 1940 oysters were canned at one plant each in Maryland, North Carolina, and Florida; two each in Georgia and Alabama; three each in South Carolina and Oregon; nine in Louisiana; and 13 each in Mississippi and Washington.